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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1993 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention, in English and French, the declaration on the former Yugoslavia adopted by the European Community and its member States on 5 April 1993.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annexes thereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Declaration dated 5 April 1993 on the former Yugoslavia

The Community and its member States express great concern at the reiterated refusal of the Bosnian Serb leaders to sign the Vance/Owen peace plan. They continue to demand that the plan be accepted by all three parties and consequently implemented. To this end, full international pressure is now being put on the Bosnian Serbs and on the authorities in Belgrade. The Community and its member States continue to make sanctions more effective, even further isolating Serbia-Montenegro. In this respect they welcome the decision adopted today by the Extraordinary Council of Ministers of the WEU on measures to strengthen the enforcement of the United Nations embargo on the Danube.

The Bosnian Serbs have repudiated the peace plan. The Community and its member States have repeatedly made it clear (European Council 11-12 December 1992, 1 February 1993) that non-acceptance of the peace plan would have the most severe consequences and would lead to total international isolation of Serbia/Montenegro. It is now time to take concrete steps down that route. The Community and its member States have elaborated a package of possible measures for such a contingency. They therefore welcome the fact that the Security Council is at present dealing with a draft resolution supporting the peace plan and strengthening the sanctions regime, which contains essential elements of the European concept. The Community and its member States trust that the European members of the Security Council will continue their efforts with a view to the adoption, without delay, of a resolution in accordance with this concept.

If the present policies of the Serb side are carried on, the Bosnian Serbs and Serbia-Montenegro will remain isolated for years to come. However, if the Bosnian Serbs accept the peace plan and it is being fully implemented in good faith, this pressure will gradually be lifted, leading to the full readmittance of Serbia-Montenegro to the international community.

The Community and its member States are deeply worried about the humanitarian situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, especially its eastern part. They strongly demand that Serb attacks stop and that humanitarian assistance immediately be given free access.

The Community and its member States welcome the prolongation of the UNPROFOR mandate. They urge the Croatian Government and the Serbs in Croatia to successfully negotiate a settlement of the disputes between them, based on the principles of the Vance plan.

The Community and its member States, expressing their full support for the international conference, warmly thank Cyrus Vance for his great contribution to it and look forward to cooperating with Thorvald Stoltenberg.